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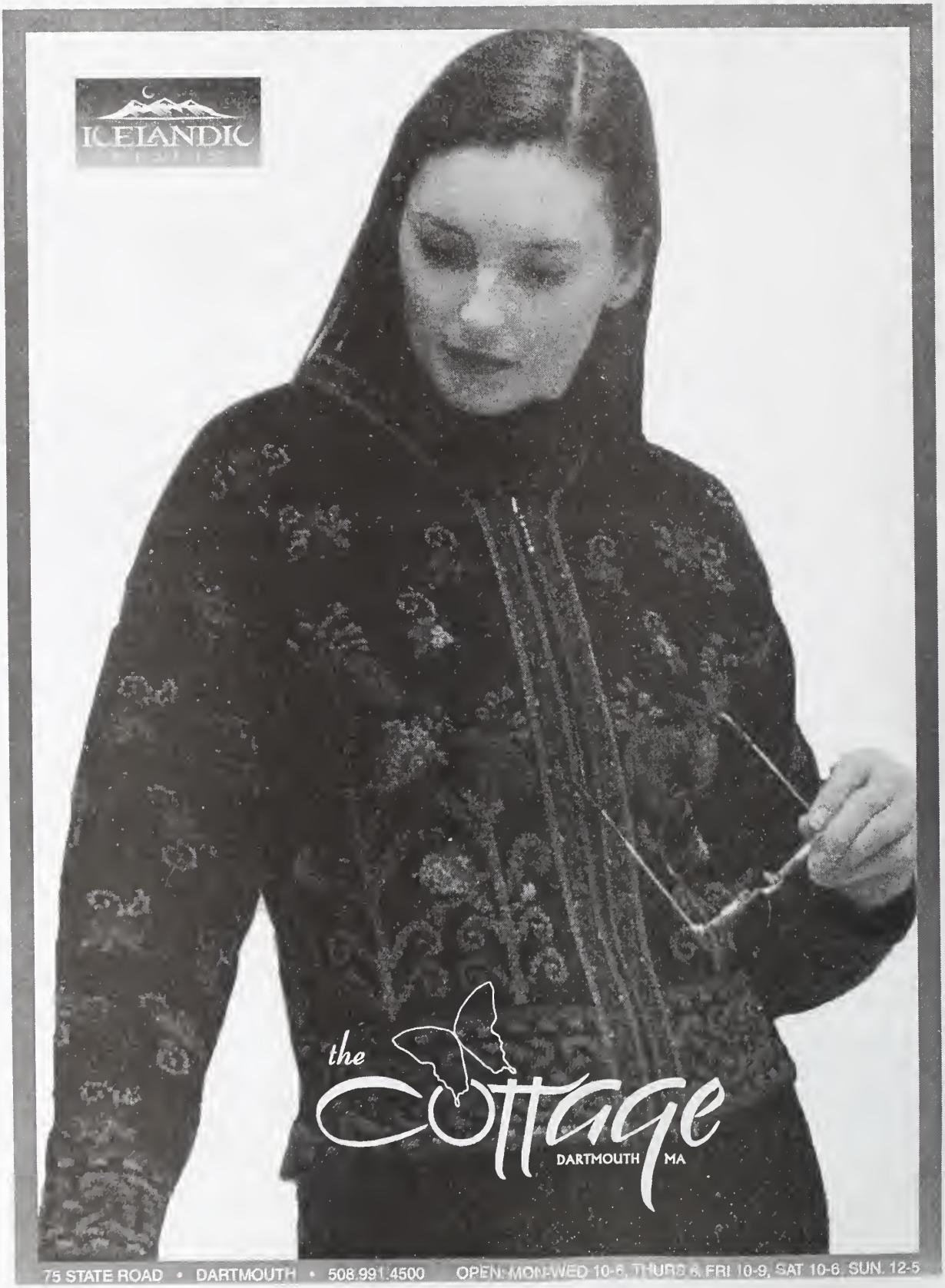
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Annual Center School Production

Mattapoisett's Center School will stage their annual Holiday Program, under the direction of music teacher Jean West, on Tuesday, December 19 at 9:30 am in the auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School. All students in Grades 1 to 3 will participate in this traditional production of "The Nutcracker," a holiday classic. The Intergenerational Chorus, which includes several grandparents of students, will also join in the production. Area residents are cordially invited to attend and are encouraged to arrive early, as the production generally draws a sizable crowd.

The students have been working very hard in their music classes, under the guidance of Ms. West, to learn their performance parts. Ms. Diane Perry, Center School's Art Teacher, has also been busy coordinating and designing the scenery and props for the production, and many parents have volunteered their time and talents to assist with the choreography, scenery, props and with costuming the students. The holiday program is always a popular tradition in Mattapoisett, and this year's production is sure to be a musical event not to be missed!

Key players in the 2000 production of "The Nutcracker" include: Koby Williamson (The Nutcracker); Clara (Dodi Fontaine); Gary Maestas (Judge Drosselmeyer); and Mitchell Suzan (Fritz). Other cast members include:

- Marching Soldiers - Ethan Akins, Sam Schlitzer, Jacob Winn;
- King Mouse - Olivia McLean;
- Sugar Plum Fairies - Paige Carlson, Leigh Costello, Sarah Kassabian, Rebecca Sylvia, Brianna Mello, Margaret Pullo;
- Russian Dancers - Robert Cote, Eric Xavier, Thomas Macina, William Huggins;
- Candy Flutes - Taylor Matthews, Sarah

Above: *The New Bedford Ballet will perform "The Nutcracker" on December 9, 10, 16 and 17, with Saturday performances at 7:00 and 8:00 pm, and Sunday matinees at 2:00 and 3:00 pm. Mattapoisett members of the New Bedford Youth Ballet include (l. to r.) Emily Wingate (Party Girl); Maura VanVoris (Party Boy); and Amanda Garde (Russian Dancer).*

Above: *Rochester residents gathered outside the Town Hall on Monday evening, December 4 at 6:30 pm for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony which included performances by Memorial School students singing a variety of holiday carols. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

On the cover: *Center School student Koby Williamson portrays the title character in a production of "The Nutcracker," the school's annual traditional production which will be staged this year on Tuesday, December 19 at 9:30 am in the auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza.)*

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• Desert Men - Ned Kaiser, Steven Johnson, James Gabriel;

• Chinese Dancers - Christine Beatriz, Caitlin Beauregard, Destiny Kirker, Alyssa Ray, Anne-Margaret Saucier;

• Dancing Flowers - Amanda Georgescu, Jean Smith, Emma Correia, Anna VanVoorhis, Jesse Olivier, Shannon Piehler, Megan Lawrence, Claire Martin.

Based on Tchaikovsky's classic work, the production will feature musical highlights such as "March of the Toy Soldiers," "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy," "Russian Dance," "Dance of the Reed Flutes," "Arabian Dance," "Chinese Dancers," and "Waltz of the Flowers."

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journey with Clara to a land of sweets and enchantment. The ballet is a shortened version and is narrated, which makes it ideal for younger children and adults alike. It is a lovely way to enjoy the holiday season!

New Bedford Youth Ballet will be performing this heart-warming story of "The Nutcracker" on Saturday, December 9 and 16 at 7:00 and 8:00 pm, and on Sunday, December 10 and 17 at 2:00 and 3:00 pm. The performances will take place at The Alves Theater, 430 County Street in New Bedford.

Area Mattapoisett dancers performing are Amanda Garde, Maura VanVoris, and Emily Wingate. All proceeds from the ballets go to the New Bedford Ballet Foundation, a non-profit organization. Throughout the

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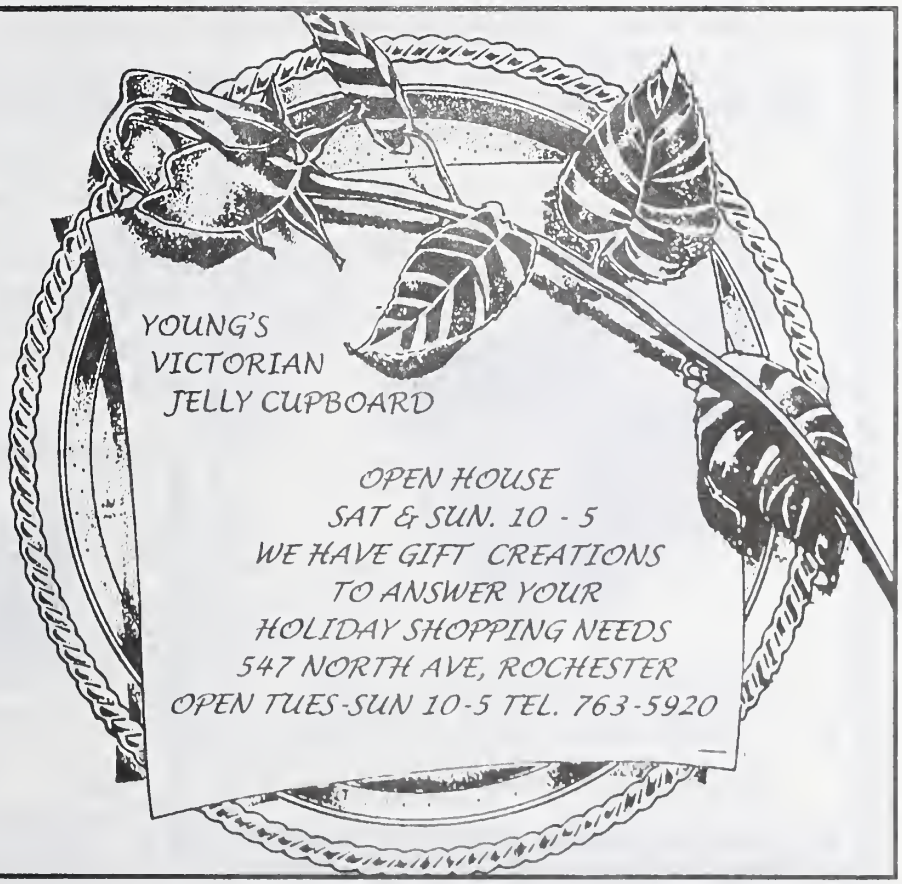

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

December 4, 2000

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 4 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham, Selectman Ray Andrews, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the November 27 meeting, the board first met with Robert Cummings of East Coast Engineering and Fire Chief Ronald Scott regarding the progress — or lack thereof — in the oil spill remediation project at the Mattapoisett Police Station. It seems that the contractor hired to complete this phase of the project, the Frank Corporation, is having difficulty finishing the job and is now requesting additional funding to proceed. Mr. Cummings added that the project is already behind schedule, and the contractor informed him it would take another 15 days to complete.

"The progress we've made so far is abysmal," Mr. Cummings admitted. "I'm concerned about this 15-day estimate."

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said Selectman Denham. "He bid on the same engineering plans that he's working from ... there's no reason the taxpayers of Mattapoisett should have to pay for his mistake. He contracted (with us) for a price. How does the job go from $4,800 to $32,000?"

The board was in agreement that they should consult with Town Counsel on how to approach this matter and determine whether they can work something out with Frank Corporation, or re-bid the remainder of the project. "We certainly have a bona fide contract with him," said Chairman Lambalot.

At 7:30 pm the board met with Detective Sergeant Mary Lyons and Water/Sewer Superintendent William T. Nicholson to discuss pending plans for both the new

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Detective Lyons first wanted to clarify an "identity crisis" which she said had been baffling people since last Thursday and presented the Selectmen with baseball caps, each emblazoned with the name of one of the Three Stooges: "Larry" for Selectman Andrews; "Curly" for Selectman Lambalot; and "Moe" for Selectman Denham. The gesture was in reference to a Letter to the Editor published last week which referred to the board members as such.

Mr. Nicholson explained they've completed preliminary work at the future Water/Sewer Building site and they've laid out the property with the pending Skateboard Park and also future expansion for the Fire Department in mind. The next step is to hire an architect/engineer to come up with solid plans to include an estimated 16,000 square feet for the Skateboard Park facility. Mr. Nicholson's goal is to have the design phase completed by May or June of 2001, and they should be ready to move forward with an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant to fund the construction phase of the project.

Detective Lyons said the kids who have been lobbying to construct the Skateboard Park have already raised $5,000 for the effort on their own. Although they have no set deadline to begin construction, they were hoping to move forward before the Water/Sewer

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Department began. "We've got a bunch of dedicated kids who are dying to get it done," Detective Lyons said. "I don't know if we have a definite time frame in mind."

Selectman Denham was confident that with the $5,000 now in hand, they should be able to proceed at least through to the blacktop stage of the project. "We could be looking at some time next summer to begin the blacktop phase," Selectman Denham said. "When the project starts to move forward, I think we can make it a success. These kids should feel (the park) wouldn't have gotten built at all if they didn't come forward."

Selectman Andrews said the best-guess estimate to begin work would be late summer or early fall.

Detective Lyons said she knows many of the kids

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have been patient, but they remain eager to see the project come to fruition. "As long as we can encourage them that it will be on its way," she said.

At 8:00 pm the board met with Tim O'Connor, Associate Superintendent of Financial Planning at the Old Rochester Regional School District, to discuss additional Chapter 70 aid from the state. According to Mr. O'Connor, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has released surplus Chapter 70 school aid to area schools, and the ORR School Committee recently voted to request those extra funds. However, it requires action from the tri-town Boards of Selectmen in order to allocate the money to the district. Mr. O'Connor came before the board to ask for their support in this matter.

The board had no objections, and unanimously voted to release the additional $42,552 from the state to the ORR School District, a portion of which will be used to purchase a new computer system to assist students at the high school in preparing for the MCAS tests.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

• Notification from the Recreation Committee that sign-ups for the Junior and Instructional Basketball Leagues (boys and girls in Grades 3 to 6) will take place on December 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at Old Hammondtown School. For more information, please call John Haley at 758-4587.

• Letter of interest from Gary Jezierski, who is interested in serving on the Commission on Disability; and letters from Jim Broadwater and Anthony Weatherford, requesting consideration for appointment to the Marine Advisory Board.

• Letter from Attorney Elizabeth Kunz notifying the board of the intent of Gerald and Mary Randall to convey to Ronald and Janet Scott a portion of Lot 16, Map 22 (classified as "agricultural/horticultural" by the Board

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• Memo from Doug Cameron of the Public Access Board advising that bids for the wharf repair project at the Town Landing were opened on November 30 and the apparent low bidder is D & D Enterprises of Quincy, MA ($308,456.35). Upon final review and awarding of the bid, work is expected to begin in January. "Residents should

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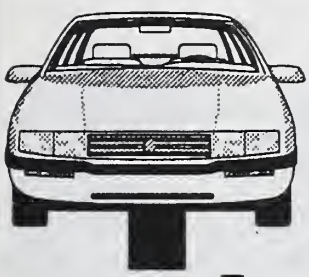

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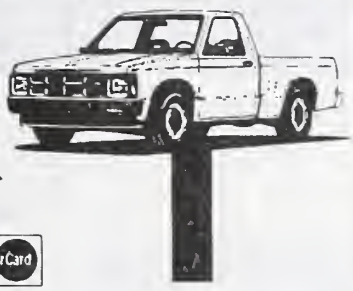

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be aware that this project is not controlled by us ... we don't have any say, it's under state control," Selectman Denham said. "We're completely at their mercy once they begin, so we should be prepared." Selectman Andrews said although the project is expected to take only a couple of months to complete, they would be lucky if it's finished by May 1.

• Letter from Detective Sergeant and Police Chief-elect Mary Lyons thanking the Board of Selectmen for their "votes of confidence in me" in selecting her as the town's next Police Chief and expressing her appreciation for the support she's received from residents. Likewise, she expressed her disappointment with the letter from resident Daniel Goodman which ran in the November 30 issue of *The Wanderer* and also criticized the newspaper for publishing the letter. "The content was inappropriate and the publishing of the letter unprofessional," she wrote.

In other matters, the board:

• Noted that a Bid Opening on the Boat/Motor/Trailer and Pot Hauler will be conducted in the Selectmen's Office on Friday, December 8 at 3:00 pm.

• Signed an agreement between the town and Donna Marks of Bethany's Salty Dogs and Coastal Kitty's for rental of their freezer unit for holding deceased animals awaiting pick up by the Angel View Pet Cemetery. Chairman Lambalot explained this agreement came about since the town is no longer allowed to bury so-called "road kill" at the landfill and must have them properly disposed.

• Reminder that the deadline to submit articles, petitions, and street acceptances for the Annual Town Meeting is Friday, February 2. Also, the deadline for all submissions for the Annual Town Report is Friday, February 2 — all material which should be submitted to

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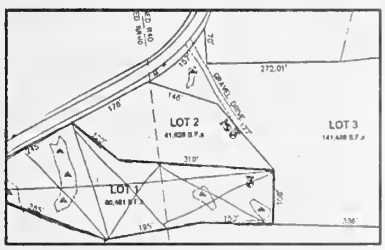

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• Notice that the Board of Health will hold a Flu Immunization Clinic for all Mattapoisett residents on Thursday, December 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Senior Center, Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6.

At 8:15 pm the board unanimously voted to go into Executive Session under Exception 3 of the Open Meeting Law to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and would thereafter adjourn for the evening. ***Reminder: The weekly Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meetings can be viewed LIVE every Monday evening at 7:00 pm on AT&T Cable Channel 98 (via supplied cable box) or Channel 97 (via cable-ready TV).***

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 4, 2000

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectman was called to order on Monday, December 4, 2000 at 7:20 pm following the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Chairman Naida Parker, Selectman Richard Cutler, Selectman Patricia Ryan, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere were all present for the meeting.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the November 22 meeting, Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Michael Costa came before the board to "participate in a discussion" regarding the Town Hall

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renovations, which failed to garner enough support to pass at the Special Town Meeting last week. The board believes that there are three possible options for eventually getting the renovations approved and ultimately complete.

First, Selectman Richard Cutler said the town could always wait until the state steps in and insist they become handicap compliant. According to Town Administrator James Huntoon, the town also has the option of a much smaller renovation that includes only one ramp and one handicap-accessible bathroom.

In this case the town would prepare the site and septic system and the facility could then be "dropped" into place, at a price of approximately $70,000 to $75,000.

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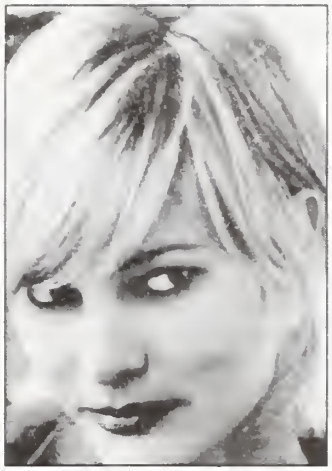

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Chairman Naida Parker added that the town could also go forward with the upcoming election and budget for the cost of preparing the site and take the piecemeal approach to the construction; that is, complete one aspect of the project at a time.

Selectman Ryan expressed concern that opting for the piecemeal approach may cost more money in the end than having done the entire project at once. She also believes that very idea of renovating the current Town Hall, rather than building a new facility, is driving the bids up. She adds that some townspeople that she spoke with suggested just that — build a new facility and convert the current Town Hall into a historic building. The entire board agrees, however, that it is important to residents for offices to remain in the current Town Hall.

Selectman Ryan stated that it was very important to at least begin the renovations with the repairs to the outside of the building and a complete overhaul of the electrical wiring in the building. "We have not done a job of going out and selling," she added. "There needs to be an advocate" for the Town Hall renovations. "I'm willing to put on a dog and pony show and tell anyone who will listen," that these renovations are necessary. She suggested holding an open house and let residents actually see what the office space can and cannot allow the employees to do.

Selectman Cutler said that may be difficult given the lack of attendance at a regular meeting. One of the main obstacles the board is facing is the "huge credibility

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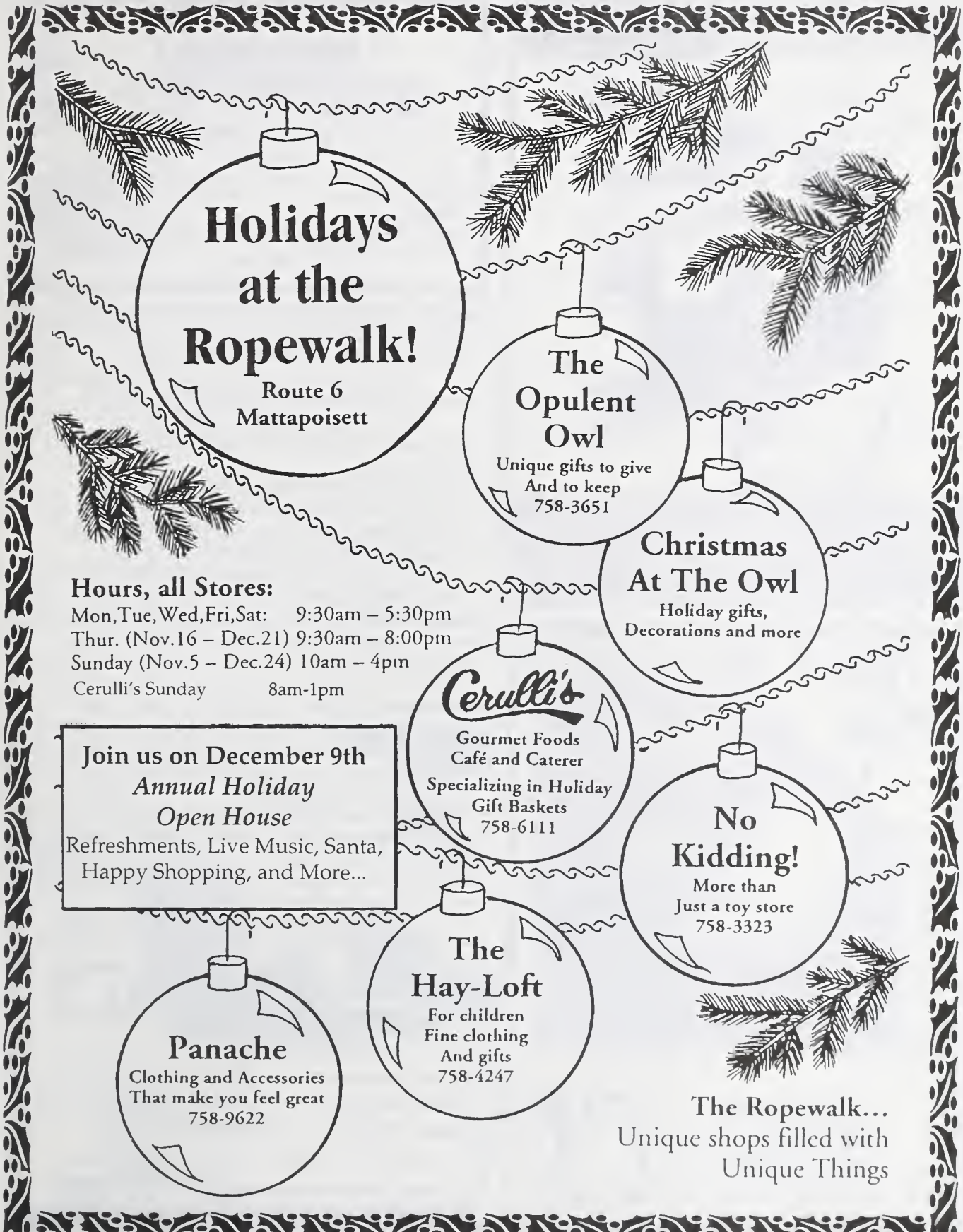
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problem" in the eyes of the bidders. Selectman Cutler suggests that they will have to go to the next election without bids and hope to get the money first.

The board agreed that they will put the matter on the ballot once again for the Annual Town Election.

Next on the agenda was the Town Administrator's Report, where Mr. Huntoon discussed the following:

• Interim Police Chief William Pryzbylek submitted a new procedural policy for hiring new officers. The board has 30 days to respond to it, and without such, the procedure goes into effect.

• An issue with a bill submitted by a town employee for a town-funded trip to California last summer. The town accountant is not signing off on the bill, due to unknown questions regarding the expenses, even though both Jim Huntoon and Police Chief William Pryzbylek have approved and signed the bill. The issue for the town employee is that he risks missing the due date for which the $1,089 amount was placed on his own credit card. Selectman Cutler is in favor of paying the bill, as is the whole board, and expects the issue "should be resolved by next Monday."

The board began to discuss the issue of the property on Pine Street that became available for the town to purchase under Chapter 61A. The board was notified that the owners of the land intended to change the status, thus withdrawing it from the 61A restriction.

According to Town Counsel, who is sending a

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letter to the current owner on behalf of the board, the town still has the right to purchase the land and intends to do so. The option to purchase the 20 acres priced at $225,000, is expected to be placed on the next Special Town Meeting ballot in January or February.

There were two letters received:

• A letter from resident Andy Mello who requested that a skate park be built in Rochester. Selectman Cutler recommends forwarding the letter to the Park Commission, as well as sending a letter to Mr. Mello thanking him for his letter.

• Notice was received that Ray Pickles, Town Administrator in Marion, is retiring.

Under Selectmen's Discussion Items, the board discussed:

• A reminder that the Christmas Door Decorating Contest is to held on Wednesday, December 6, where they will be judging four doors.

• Next week Police Chief interviews will begin on Wednesday, December 13. Currently, Town Counsel Daniel Perry is performing security background checks on

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With no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:30 pm.

ORR Sports Insider

By Josh Cushing
School-to-Career Intern

Having just completed an impressive fall season, several Old Rochester Regional High School teams will be headed into the winter season with high expectations. With an undefeated Cross Country Track team, and a co-championship Football team, the school's remaining teams will be competing against some stiff competition as the winter season heats up. A few of the oppenents the Varsity Basketball team should be on the look out for are Wareham, Fairhaven, and Dighton-Rehoboth if they want to be number one.

The Basketball team has high expectations this year with some key players returning from last year, including Senior Ryan Sylvia, Senior Mike Duarte, Senior Miki Barros, and Junior Dorian Lynch. They will have a lot of holes to fill with the loss of Clifton Lopes, Mike Lepage, and Will Mahoney. But, Coach Jack Eddy has probably devised a plan to work things out. Be on the look out as Senior Ryan Sylvia is expected to lead the team, after coming off a spectacular Football season as he led the Bulldogs to a recent SouthCoast Conference Co-Championship. After a struggling Basketball season, the

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team is expected to turn things around.

Expect to see the **Boys Winter Track** team heading for an undefeated season. With a good group of seniors leading the pack, there are high hopes for the ORR team. Returning from an undefeated **Cross Country Track** season, expect the distance runners to be led by Seniors **Josh Corderia**, his brother **Jason Corderia**, and **Doug Hickey**. But, do not be fooled into believing the distance team is their only weapon. The team's other strengths lie in the sprinters and their shot-put throwers. Look for Seniors **Cullen Rounseville**, **Bret Risdal**, and Junior **Will Rossi** to be sprinting hard for the finish line. The shot-putters will be led by Senior **Rob Cowell** as he looks to dominate the SCC. They will have some stiff competion, though, from Seekonk and Dighton-Rehoboth. The team has the potential to be undefeated, but the only way they can achieve this is through hard work.

As for the **Girls Basketball** team, expect to see them in a position to win the championship. As usual with the coaching of **Bob Hohne**, expect to see them as a tough competitor. With the loss of **Margaret Liljedahl**, they will have a major hole to fill at the point guard position. But, you should see Senior **Molly O'Brien** stepping up to fill the gap. Two returning starters that will be expected to lead the way are Seniors **Jill Almeida** and **Sheila Ferreira**. The tough opponents the team will be facing are Apponequet, Fairhaven, and Dighton-Rehoboth. But, do not be surprised if you see them leading the SCC with the talent they have.

As the **Girls Winter Track** season approaches, **Coach Joao Rodrigues** prepares another tough group of seniors to lead the way for what promises to be a great season. They practice hard and it pays off when it comes to the track meets. The Seniors that will lead this team are **Meg Best**, **Faith Harkins**, **Caitlin Vandal**, and **Chrissy O'Connor.** But, you should not be surprised to see a few

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underclassmen step it up, such as **Maureen Best** and **Meghan Cushing**. With all the hard work these girls put into practicing and preparing for track meets, they should have another marvelous season.

In all, the winter sports season at ORR is shaping up to be quite promising.

Please send ideas, comments and suggestions to: Sports, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, or fax, 24-hours-a-day, to (508) 758-4845.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Daniel Goodman's enraging Letter to the Editor regarding the appointment of Mary Lyons as our new Police Chief in Mattapoisett. I have two words for you, Dan, the first is a verb, the second is a noun, and it is not "Merry Christmas."

Mary Lyons not only has the credentials, practical experience, and the ability to handle extraordinary job responsibilities, she does so in a straightforward, honest, professional yet caring manner. And as if that isn't enough during her "free time" she organizes fund raisers for organizations such as Hearts and Hands. Perhaps you would

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like to elaborate the real reasons you have as you say, "over the years personally witnessed" Mary Lyons at work. Why don't you move and be miserable in some other town? There are a lot of people in this town who are tired of listening to you.
Sincerely,
Mary Lou Manley
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

The Wanderer has truly given a new meaning to: "the right to deny publication of any submitted correspondence." After your printing of the letter submitted by Mr. Goodman last week, one has to wonder, how low can one go before exercising your so-called editorial rights? I'm a firm believer in First Amendment rights, but I feel that printing Mr. Goodman's submission in its entirety was editorially irresponsible. It is possible to offer views without slander.

To the issue: Mr. Goodman's often acerbic letters to the media gave me cause long ago to ignore his usual lack of knowledge in town affairs. Slandering the newly-appointed Chief of Police and the Board of Selectmen is no way to garner respect and make your views known with any level of credibility. It is "strikingly clear" that Mr. Goodman's agenda is personal and can serve only his best interest. We entrusted our Board of Selectmen to do what they were charged to do, the right thing. Their selection process was far from being irresponsible, unlawful or unethical, as Mr. Goodman would like us to believe. Mr. Goodman has again failed to prove that "he is the eternal optimist" he professes to be.

Congratulations, Chief Lyons. Your success among a field of thirty-two applicants and four finalists should give us all something to be proud of.

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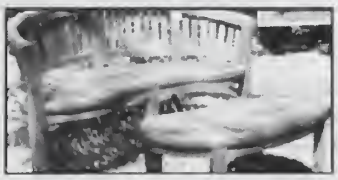

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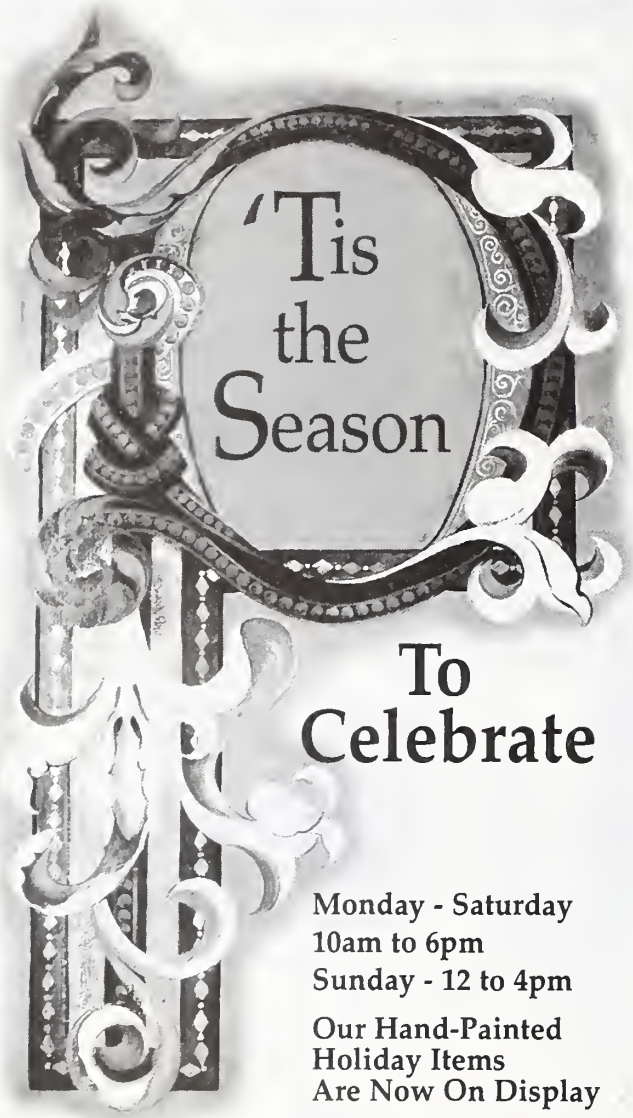

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submissions). In this case, I feel that you should have denied the letter written about our new Police Chief, Mary Lyons, by Mr. Goodman. She has been a police officer in the town for 15 years and I feel that she has done a fine job. In an interview anyone can make themselves look good and tell you what you want to hear just to get a job. In addition to going through the extensive interview process, our appointed officials have had the opportunity to see Mary Lyons outstanding work ethic, determination and dedication to our town. I am personally glad that Christmas came early for the town of Mattapoisett. The comments about our Board of Selectmen were also uncalled for. These selectmen have done a fine job and if Mr. Goodman is not happy with the way Mattapoisett is run and with whom the voters choose to run the town, then maybe he needs to find a town that suits his needs.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Souza
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

First of all let me start by saying just how appalled I am that your paper would allow someone to personally and publicly attack another individual as in the case of "Chief Lyons" by Mr. Goodman. How you could choose to print such a mean-spirited letter is beyond my comprehension. Your paper states that you have the right to deny any publications, so I ask, why on earth did you allow this to go to print? What benefit or purpose could you have hoped to accomplish? Was there some personal gain? Was this to discredit our newly-elected Chief and/or our Board of Selectmen? It was extremely poor judgement that this malicious letter was printed in your paper.

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Secondly, Mr. Goodman stated that the interviews were held over a holiday weekend and people were not able to attend or were unaware they were taking place. I, for one, did know about the interviews as they were published in *The Standard-Times*. However, my life is far too busy to be concerned with trying to run the town, or for that matter, trying to pick our next Chief of Police. I did not and do not feel it was my responsibility to intervene in the appointment process. I helped elect these qualified men and I had the utmost confidence that they would choose the right person for the job.

If Mr. Goodman finds this town so distasteful, then maybe he should consider moving. Why would anyone want to live in a town they felt was so corrupt that they had to scrutinize

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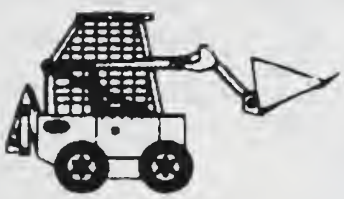

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To the Editor:

The Mattapoisett Friends (Quakers) were amazed by the generosity of the people who attended the recent omelet brunch for Heifer Project International. At the brunch, $778 was raised for HPI. In addition to members and family who cooked, directed cars and cleaned up, we owe considerable thanks to people like Evelyn and Gene Pursley, Ruth Cederberg and Leslie Boucher who helped out with cooking. We also appreciate the excellent food and drink donated by Shaws of Fairhaven, Porky's and Tedeschi's in Mattapoisett, and Ocean Spray from Middleboro/Lakeville, and Henry Wainer at the Gourmet Outlet in New Bedford. Of course, we thank all who turned out to support us and Heifer Project International.
Sincerely,
Alan Harris
Mattapoisett

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Great Decisions in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club will once again be sponsoring the Great Decisions Discussion Group. The group will meet once a week for eight weeks to discuss topics outlined by the Foreign Policy Association. Meetings begin the last Thursday in January (January 25) at 1:30 pm at the Friends' Meeting House in Mattapoisett.

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Study books are used and must be ordered by December 18. If you are interested in this group and have not participated previously, please call Lois Murray (758-4949) or Helen Mann (758-2636).

Marion Retirement Celebration

Residents are cordially invited to attend a Retirement Celebration in honor of retiring Marion Town Administrator Ray E. Pickles to be held on Saturday, December 16, 2000 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Marion Music Hall. There will be hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, with tickets priced at $15 per person, $25 per couple (gift included). Please RSVP by December 11 to Debra M. Blanchette (748-3505) and make checks payable to "Town of Marion, R. Pickles' retirement."

Blood Pressure Clinics

Blood Pressure Clinics for the month of December will be held on Wednesday, December 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and on Wednesday, December 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Clinics are held at the American Legion Hall, Depot Street in Mattapoisett, and are open to all Mattapoisett residents.

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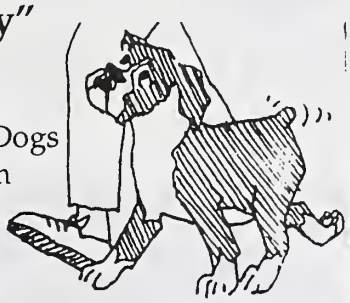

FORM Concert at ORR

The Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Holiday Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 pm. It will be held in the high school auditorium.

Fairhaven Victorian Holiday

The Unitarian Church of Fairhaven will be holding its Third Annual Very Victorian Holiday Marketplace on Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The marketplace is one of the scheduled events of Fairhaven's Very Victorian Weekend.

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Refreshments and snacks will also be sold during the event. The church is located at 102 Green Street in Fairhaven.

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ORR Supports Fund

Old Rochester Regional High School students were recently honored for their participation in the Jimmy Fund Theater Collection Program. With the help of ORR students, the 2000 Jimmy Fund/Variety Club Theatre Collections Program raised nearly $1.7 million to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. This is the fourth year that Old Rochester students have taken part in the program, with over

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Students volunteer at General Cinema in North Dartmouth and Hoyt's Cinema at Silver City Galleria. The Theatre Collections Program is held every year in May, June and July.

Mattapoisett Flu Clinic

The Mattapoisett Board of Health will hold a flu immunization clinic for Mattapoisett residents on Thursday, December 7 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The clinic will be held at the Mattapoisett Senior Center which is located at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 6 in Mattapoisett.

Rochester Flu Clinic

A Flu Clinic will be held on Thursday, December 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for all Rochester residents in the vestry of the First Congregational Church in Rochester.

Marion Flu Clinic

Flu Vaccine will be administered on Monday, December 11 from 9:00 to 11:00 am only for those 65 years of age or older that are *chronically ill at this time.* The vaccine will be given at the Marion Board of Health Office, in the Marion Town House.

A Flu Clinic for *all residents* will also be held on Thursday, December 14 from 3:00 to 6:30 pm in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street.

School Committee Meetings

The following is a schedule of School Committee

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Meetings slated for December. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 pm.

• Monday, December 11 - Mattapoisett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School;

• Tuesday, December 12 - ORR District School Committee at ORR High School;

• Thursday, December 14 - Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.

ORR Students of the Month

Stephen Helman, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announced the following Students of the Month for November 2000:

• GREEN TEAM - Caroline Blanchard and Corey Lorenco;

• ORANGE TEAM - Laura Farren and Trevor Kellum;

• BLUE TEAM - Angela Kantner and Brendan Good;

• RED TEAM - Allison Cammarata and Alex Poulin.

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Sarah Smith lives in Brookline and is the author of *The Vanished Child, The Knowledge of Water,* and *A Citizen of the Country.* Leslie Meier of Harwich has written many mysteries including *The Turkey Day Murder, The Christmas Cookie Murder,* and *The Mistletoe Murder.*

The public is invited to attend the program on Tuesday, December 7 at 10:00 am in the library auditorium. Refreshments will be served. Please use the Walnut Street entrance.

Mattapoisett Town Meeting

The Mattapoisett Selectmen's Office will accept articles, petitions, and street acceptances for insertion into the 2001 Annual Town Meeting Warrant until Friday, February 2, 2001. If you should have any questions concerning the above, please contact Carol Adams or Melody Pacheco at 758-4100.

YMCA Forum in Marion

The SouthCoast YMCA will be hosting an open forum in Marion regarding the proposed new YMCA facility in Wareham. This will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at the Marion Music Hall at 164 Front Street. At this forum, an informative presentation will be held in regards to the proposed 34,000-square-foot full facility YMCA located on Charge Pond Road in Wareham. The public is encouraged to attend to view the schematic designs and to ask questions or comment. It starts at 7:30 pm.

For more information, please call the Wareham YMCA office at (508) 291-7577 or stop by at 245 Main Street, Suite 2. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Cans for Bands

A can and bottle drive to benefit the Old Hammondtown School Concert and Jazz Bands in Mattapoisett will be held on Saturday, December 9 and December 16 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Old Hammondtown School driveway. Volunteers will be waiting to collect redeemable bottles and cans to benefit the school's bands.

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Marion Holiday House Tour

The Sippican Woman's Club has chosen "By the Sea" as the theme for its annual Holiday House Tour to be held on Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Marion's own Cathy Jones, who created the magnificent Williamsburg display in Handy's Tavern a few years ago, will once again work her magic in the club house.

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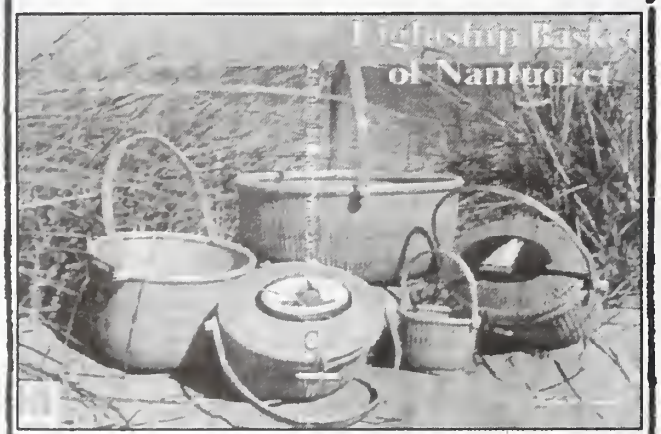

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the world of flowers, trees, and landscaping. She has competed in large flower shows all along the Eastern United States, capturing the coveted Blue Ribbon as well as other top awards on numerous occasions. She is a member of the Wareham Garden Club, the Marion Garden Discussion Group, Past President of the Easton Garden Club, and a National Council of State Garden Clubs Accredited Flower Show Judge. At this stage in her life, Cathy enjoys teaching the art of flower arranging and helping people develop their own style of flower design. She has also recently established a "mini" landscaping business.

"By the Sea" is especially meaningful to Cathy, as this is how she came to Marion, "by boat," having had a slip at the Burr Brothers' Boat Yard for fifteen years. Join the Sippican Woman's Club at Handy's Tavern on December 9 to see Cathy's spectacular interpretation of choppy seas and foggy days around Buzzards Bay.

The fourteenth Annual Holiday House Tour will take place in Marion village on Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Six Marion homes will be decorated in seaside holiday motifs. The House Tour is sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club. Included in the House Tour is a day-long Wassail Punch at Handy's Tavern (152 Front Street) and professional decor around the "By the Sea" theme done by Cathy Jones. The Sugar Plum Tea will also be held at St. Gabriel's Church (124 Front Street) from 1:30 to 4:30.

Tickets are $12.50 prior to Tour Day and $16 on December 9. Pre-tour tickets may be purchased at the Marion General Store, Sitting Duck, Bookstall, and Sippican Hardware in Marion; McGovern's Good Earth, Route 6 in Fairhaven, and Opulent Owl at the Ropewalk Mall in Mattapoisett. All profits from the House Tour go to scholarships. Last year, the Sippican Woman's Club gave $8,000 to fund education opportunities for area youth and adults.

The Marion Garden Discussion Group will also be holding their Annual Boutique on the same day (Saturday, December 9) in the Marion Music Hall on Front Street from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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Rochester Barn Inspections

Rochester Animal Control Officer Robin Prezner has announced that barn inspections are now taking place. Please call her at 763-5326 to schedule an appointment.

Historical Play in Fairhaven

On July 7, 1916, Kate Douglas Wiggin, the Victorian author, set her pen to writing a dramatization of her 1905 book titled *The Old Peabody Pew.* She had received a letter from a church group in Buenos Aires, Argentina, who had turned her very popular book about a New England church into a "church play." Ms. Wiggin was greatly impressed by this news and decided that she, herself, would write a dramatization. On July 12, 1916, it was finished and she set about casting her production and presented for the first time on August 16, 1916.

Her notes in her diary about this first performance read: "Cloudless, Heavenly — Church crammed and many unable to get seats. Great enthusiasm."

Now, in the year 2000, this same play will be presented on Friday evening, December 8 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven. The history of Fairhaven's Congregational Church dates back to its construction in 1844. Ms. Wiggin's dramatization is the longest-running play in the history of the state of Maine. It has played somewhere in Maine every year since 1916.

The Old Peabody Pew: A Christmas Romance of a Country Church is a fictional story created from the imagination of Ms. Wiggin. The story portrays what life was like in a quiet New England town in 1916. Today, people go to Buxton Corners to find the Tory Hill Meeting

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From a book written by Ms. Wiggin's sister we read that Ms. Wiggin had indeed been at the Tory Hill Meeting House after Thanksgiving and had spent the afternoon with the Dorcas Society, cleaning the sanctuary and preparing the church for the Christmas activities. While waiting for her sister to return from driving their mother home in the buggy, her imagination created, in the quiet atmosphere of the church, the story of the Peabody Pew. There were no Peabody's living in Buxton, so there was not a real Peabody pew, but there was a Dorcas Society, who always kept very busy raising money to benefit all the projects of the church, whether it be shingling the roof or carpeting the floors. Thus, a book and later a play, was born.

The ladies of the First Congregational Church in Fairhaven will be recreating this Victorian production. They hope that the church will also be "crammed." They wish to get everyone in the Victorian mood for the entire weekend in Fairhaven and encourage the audience to come in Victorian garb, if they so desire. The admission is as it was in 1916 — 75 cents — but they will gratefully accept any donation to go to the benefit of the church.

Mattapoisett Buttons/Stickers

The 2001 Mattapoisett Shellfish Buttons are now on sale at the Selectmen's Office for a fee of $25. All persons holding shellfish buttons numbers 1 to 50 must pick them up prior to February 1, 2001 or forfeiture of their license will result.

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Young People's Theater

The Young People's Theater Show will present *Dracula's Favorite Son* on Friday, December 8 at 6:00 pm. Directed by Michele Kelley, the show will feature Lauren Anderson, Anna Collins, Laura Duane, Matthew Gould, Joshua Grey, Brianna Hogan, Lucy Nadler, Jessica Shor, and Alexis Wybraniek.

Christmas Stroll

The Annual Christmas Stroll and Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 pm in the Marion Village.

Santa Breakfast in Fairhaven

Come join Santa for breakfast on Sunday, December 10, 2000 at Saint Joseph's School, 100 Spring Street in Fairhaven. Breakfast will be served starting at 9:00 am until 12:30 pm. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs or pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. There will be a coloring contest that the children can enter and holiday videos will be playing throughout the morning. Pictures with Santa will be available for $3, however if you bring a non-perishable food item the picture will only be $2. All food items will go to the Shepherd's Pantry (please keep in mind that Christmas is around the corner and there are many people in need). All children will be given a chance to speak with Santa.

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Mattapoisett Congregational Christmas

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church invites everyone to its Christmas Eve Services on Sunday, December 24. The Reverend Robert Spalding, Interim Minister, will conduct both services, the first at 5:30 pm, a Family Service that includes college students and anyone who has returned home for the holidays. At 10:00 pm, there will be a Candlelight Service at which the Senior Choir will perform anthems and lead the carol-singing. Both services will last between three-quarters to one hour. Casual attire is recommended.

Candy Cane Fair

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be hosting its fourth annual Children's Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, December 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church Hall in Mattapoisett. Admission is FREE. Santa is expected to arrive from the North Pole with gifts at 2:00 pm. Kids will enjoy winning prizes at the numerous games and amusements supervised by Lions Club members. Also, refreshments will be served to the children.

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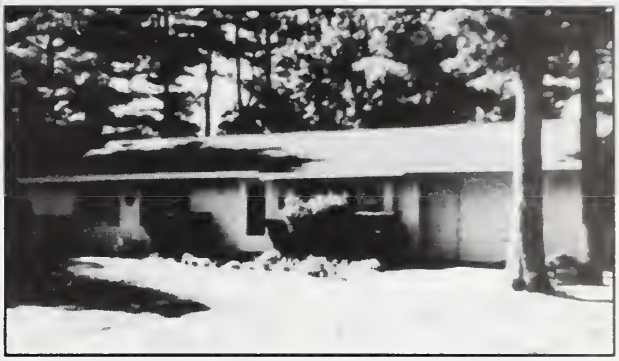

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Rochester Council on Aging

Following is a schedule of events for the month of December at the Rochester Council on Aging (COA). The COA wishes "Happy Holidays" to all their friends!

- Thursday, December 7 - John Root Sing-Along at 1:30 pm at the First Congregational Church — all are welcome;
- Sunday, December 10 - Lions Club Christmas Breakfast at the Grange Hall (Santa will be there, too!);
- Monday, December 11 - Trip to Galleria Mall in Taunton (lunch on your own), leaving Town Hall at 9:30 am, a great time to Christmas shop (there's plenty of stores);
- Tuesday, December 12 - Senior Club (AARP) and Bowling Club will be having their Christmas Party at Dewey's at 1:00 pm;
- Wednesday, December 13 - Town Hall Christmas Party (all offices will be closed from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm);
- Saturday, December 16 - SERVE (SHARE) Pick-Up from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Town Hall;
- Monday, December 18 - SouthCoast Mobile Health Van will be at Plumb Corner Mall from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm;
- Monday, December 18 - Trip to Christmas Tree Shop in Avon, leave Town Hall at 9:00 am;
- Wednesday, December 20 - COA Board Meeting at 9:00 am (all are welcome);
- Monday, December 25 - Merry Christmas to All! Town Hall/COA Office Closed.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Mall Trips

There will be a trip to the Christmas Tree Shops and Factory Outlets on December 4 at 9:15 am, a trip to the Independence Mall on December 7 at 9:30 am, and the Dartmouth Mall on December 14 at 9:30 am. This is the last mall trip before Christmas!

Tri-County Concert

The Tri-County Concert will be held on Sunday, December 17. Tickets are available at the Senior Center. The concert will be held in the auditorium of UMass Dartmouth.

Friends Party

The Friends of the Elderly Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 19. Tickets for this event are available at the Senior Center.

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Podiatrist

Dr. Crowe will be at Village Court on Monday, December 18. Please call the Mattapoisett Senior Center (758-4110) to sign up for an appointment.

Fuel Assistance

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Rochester Scouts Show

The Fourteenth Annual Model Train Show sponsored by the Rochester Boy Scout Troop 31 will be held on Sunday, December 10 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Admission is $2.50 for adults, $1.50 for children (6-12) and seniors (60 and over), with a family maximum of $6 and children under 6 FREE if accompanied by an adult.

This is Troop 31's annual fund-raiser and the funds raised are used to help with operating expenses of their monthly campouts and field trips. The show is made up of model railroad dealers, selling model trains, building kits, scenery materials, books, videos, accessories, in all scales (N, HO, O and G). There will be operating layouts and food and drinks available as well! The school is handicap-accessible and for more information you should contact Dan Charron, 315 New Bedford Road, Rochester, MA 02770, (508) 763-5948, or e-mail dcharron@mediaone.net.

Fairhaven Victorian Holiday

The First Congregational Church of Fairhaven will present a Victorian Holiday Celebration with two upcoming events slated for the first week of December. On Friday, December 8, "The Old Peabody Pew" by Kate Douglas Wiggins will be held at 7:30 pm in the church sanctuary, 34 Centre Street. Tickets are 75 cents (ala 1916) or any donation to benefit the church. Refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, the "Ye Olde Brick Church Faire" will be held featuring crafts, music, food and fun. The event will feature outside crafters, a luncheon, baked goods, cookies and cheese, and strolling carolers throughout the center. For more information or tickets, please call 993-3368.

Our Lady's Haven, set in what was once the Tabitha Inn and built by Henry Huttleston Rogers, will also celebrate Fairhaven's third annual Very Victorian Holiday on Saturday, December 9 with a variety of special events that are guaranteed to spark your holiday spirit.

From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, the home will host an "Olde Tyme Faire" in their auditorium (please enter on the Laurel Street side). The Faire will include a Roll-Up Raffle, Tabitha's Attic featuring "pre-loved" items, Abbie's Auction (Chinese Auction) for adults and children, baked goods, teacher gifts, stocking stuffers, arts and crafts. A light lunch and desserts will be available. Hetty Green,

listed at number 36 and the only woman on the "Ranking of the 40 Richest Americans of All Time" will tell the story of how she became "The Witch of Wall Street." See and hear Hetty between the hours of 11:30 am and 12:45 pm at the Faire.

At 1:00 pm, Hetty Green will retell her story in the lobby prior to the first seating of "Tea at the Tabitha Inn," an elegant Victorian Dessert Tea. The special guest, Mark Twain, will host the Tea in the Victorian dining room. Guests can choose to attend the 1:30 or 3:30 pm seatings. Tickets are on sale now. A sell-out is expected, so please call early to reserve your tickets! In between the two seatings, The Pilgrim Handbell Ringers from the Pilgrim United Church of Christ, New Bedford, will entertain in the chapel from 2:45 to 3:15 pm. Tea Tickets are available at the following Fairhaven locations: The Tin Rabbit on Center Street, Enchanted Treasures on Main Street, Our Lady's Haven on Center Street.

Memorial Luminaria are also on sale for anyone wishing to light a candle in memory of a loved one who has passed away or in honor of a relative or friend. A ceremony, hosted by the Fairhaven High School Cheerleaders, will be held at 4:45 pm on Saturday. The luminaria, traditional Mexican Christmas lanterns, are available at Our Lady's Haven.

For additional information, please contact Anne Fenton, Director of Volunteers and Community Development, at Our Lady's Haven (999-4561).

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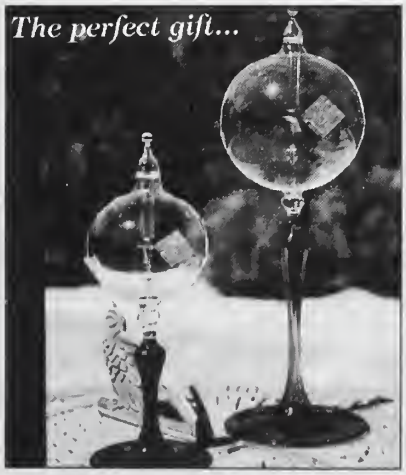

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Big plans are underway for the Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 14 at 12:00 noon in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Entertainment, in verse and song, by the Woman's Club members will be provided. Members are reminded to bring baked Christmas items to benefit "Hearts and Hands."

The Fine Arts Group, with Helen Damon, will attend the New Bedford Art Museum on December 7 for its first "Art Tour and Tea."

Plumb Memorial Library

Preschool Storytime

The next session of Preschool Storytime will start on Monday, January 8, 2001 and run through the end of February. It will be held on Monday at 1:30 pm. Storytime is open to children ages 3 to 6. Activities include stories, songs, crafts, "field trips," and other special surprises. This is an interactive series with parent participation. Space is limited, and registration is required. Please call the library at 763-8600 or stop in and register at the main desk.

Toddler Playtime

Toddler Playtime will begin on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 and run through the end of February. It will be held on Tuesday at 10:00 am. This is an unstructured playgroup, and is a great way to get social time for parents, babies, and children ages 1 to 2. The library provides lots of toys, books, puzzles, and a simple hands-on craft activity. Registration is required. Please call the library at 763-8600 or stop in and register at the main desk.

Journal Volume 3

Marion Retirement Celebration

Residents are cordially invited to attend a Retirement Celebration in honor of retiring Marion Town Administrator Ray E. Pickles to be held on Saturday, December 16, 2000 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the Marion Music Hall. There will be hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, with tickets priced at $15 per person, $25 per couple (gift included). Please RSVP by December 11 to Debra M. Blanchette (748-3505) and make checks payable to "Town of Marion, R. Pickles' retirement."

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Rochester Journal Volume 3 is in the works! Submissions are being taken through the end of the year. Don't miss this opportunity to share your unique vision and memories of the Town of Rochester and her citizens. Entries can include (but are not limited to) essays, poems, biographical sketches, stories, photographs, artwork, and recipes. If you can't write or draw, but have memories to share, why not sit down with a family member and a tape recorder and record your memories while you talk? The library will transcribe the tape to paper for you. They would also be interested in old newspaper clippings or magazine articles about the town. They would like to receive all submissions by the end of December and they welcome entries from adults, young adults, and children.

Friends of the Elderly

Christmas Party

Please don't forget your tickets to the Annual Christmas Party for the Mattapoisett Seniors will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at the Mattapoisett Senior Center at 12:00 noon. The party is FREE, but you must call Cynthia at the Mattapoisett Senior Center for tickets. *Cut-off date is December 15.*

Dine-Out Books

Dinner for Two Dine-Out gift books are being sold by the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly again this year. The Friends are selling them hoping to raise money for many things they want to do for the Mattapoisett

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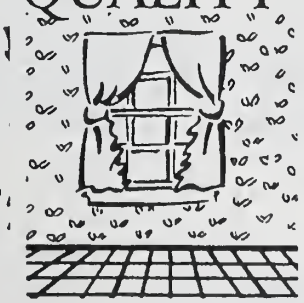

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seniors. The book has coupons from various area restaurants with which you buy one dinner and get the second one free. Most of the coupons are valid Sunday through Friday. The price is still the same at $29.95 and they can now be obtained at the Mattapoisett Senior Center. You may also call 758-9780 for delivery.

Mattapoisett Touring Club

The Mattapoisett Touring Club has planned the following trip to which everyone is welcome:

• December 7, 2000 - Bright Lights at Forest Park. 750 acres of historic Forest Park with 400,000 lights. A delicious meal served prior to the show featuring Frank Patterson, Irish Tenor. Trip includes mid-morning visit to Yankee Candle in Deerfield. Choice of honey glazed ham or chicken breast. Price is $49.95 per person.

• December 13-15 - Christmas/New Year's Celebration at The Beacon in the White Mountains featuring a brand new show for 2000. Have the fun of playing Roulette, Blackjack, Poker, without gambling. They will provide $500 in chips and you trade in your winnings for merchandise in the gift shop. Great meals include filet mignon and boiled live lobster. Price is $225 per person.

• March 12 - Eleven-day Collette Treasures of Portugal with optional three- night Madeira Isalnd Post Tour Extension. Visit Lisbon, Cascais, Obidos, Coimbra, Porto, Fatima, Algarve. See Palaces, Monasteries, medeival towns, Roman Temple of Diana, Cathedrals, Universities, etc. Round trip airfare and 16 meals included. Price: $1,499 per person.

For more information or to make reservations, please call Rosalie or Jim at 758-2887.

Old Colony Regional Voke

Holiday Cards

The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Peer Leadership Group is sponsoring a holiday card fund-raiser for the local non-profit agency "Hearts & Hands." The holiday card design is original artwork produced by the students in the Peer Leadership Group. The cards are colorful and festive. The cost is $10 per dozen or 25 cards for $20. Cards may be purchased in the main office at Old Colony or by calling Audrey Clark at (508) 763-8011, extension 163. Delivery is possible.

The Hearts and Hands group, located in Mattapoisett, is an organization that helps families with critically or terminally ill children. All proceeds from this fund-raiser will go directly to Hearts & Hands.

Peer Leadership

The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Peer Leadership Program is sponsoring a holiday card fund-raiser for the local non-profit agency called Hearts and Hands. The holiday card design is original artwork produced by the students of the Peer Leadership group. The cards are festive and non-denominational, therefore appropriate for any religion.

The cards were printed by the school's Offset Printing department and the cost will be $10 per dozen or 25 cards for $20. Cards may be pre-ordered by calling Audrey Clark at 763-8011, extension 163.

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MCAS Parents Night

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School will host an informational session to discuss with parents the MCAS Testing at their Annual Parents Night. The session will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. All parents of Old Colony students are welcome to attend the session. However, only students in Grades 9 and 11 will receive test results. Should parents or guardians have any questions concerning the MCAS Testing, they may contact Mr. Gary Brown, Assistant Director-Superintendent, at 763-8011, extension 118.

Leisure Learning

Would you like to teach? If you have a great course idea and lots of enthusiasm, the Leisure Learning Program would love to hear from you. The Leisure Learning Program includes a variety of enrichment classes for adults conducted weekday evenings at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in Rochester. Leisure Learning instructors come from all

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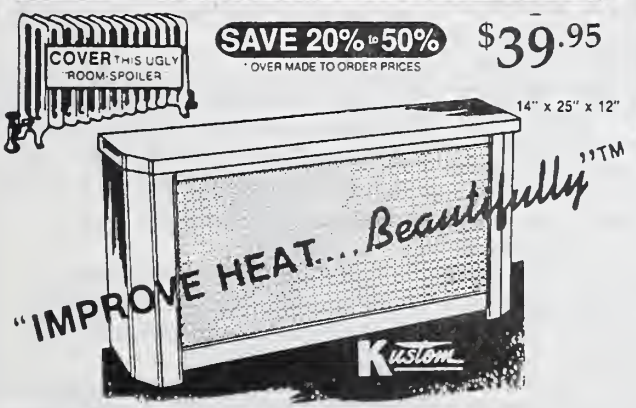

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Movie Review

Dreamscape

BY ROB GONSALVES

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Requiem for a Dream. Starring Ellen Burstyn, Jared Leto, Marlon Wayans, and Jennifer Connelly. Directed by Darren Aronofsky. Running time: 102 minutes. No MPAA rating. At select theaters.

Movie critics have little or no power, but they like to feel they do; one way they get their power fix is to anoint a director the Chosen One every couple of years. The last Chosen One was Paul Thomas Anderson, who made the gripping little debut *Hard Eight* and then followed it with the critics' darling *Boogie Nights*. This year's Chosen One is Darren Aronofsky, who made the gripping little debut π (as in *pi*) and has now followed it with the critics' darling *Requiem for a Dream*. Both, I must report, are overrated cases of sophomore slump and been-there-rented-that.

Requiem for a Dream is based on a 1978 novel by Hubert Selby Jr., whose work has been translated to the screen once before, in 1989's *Last Exit to Brooklyn*. Having seen both films, I suspect Selby has a thing for drab, dribbling narratives about grungy, desperate losers; he also has a thing for women being sexually humiliated before an appreciative audience of hotdogs, since both films end with such a scene. It could be that Selby's style, in print, has mitigating wit and flavor that keep the material from tottering into modish masochism. On film, what we see is human wreckage marching to the grim beat of their own predetermined ruin. Whether the director is *Last Exit*'s gloomy, hyperserious Uli Edel or the gloomy, hyperactive Aronofsky, Selby's material needs *humor* — something it lacks onscreen, as yet.

The script, credited to Selby and Aronofsky, focuses on four cases of despair and burnout: lonely widow Sara Goldfarb (Ellen Burstyn), whose devotion to a garish TV infomercial seems her only connection to life; her son Harry (Jared Leto), a young heroin addict; Harry's friend and drug partner Tyrone (Marlon Wayans); and Harry's girlfriend Marion (Jennifer Connelly), whose parents, of course, gave her lots of money but no love. That's more than enough misery for one movie, and Aronofsky, fracturing the narrative with clever tricks, does everything but run the film backwards and upside down to dislocate us, play with us, and keep our interest.

Unfortunately, he fails on the last count. Aronofsky strains to get an impressionistic drug experience — the highs, the lows, the anxiety over scoring the next fix — onto the screen. We may sit and think "That's an innovative way to suggest inner chaos," but we don't *feel* it. And, frankly, a movie about a guy freaking out on a math equation (π) is more interesting than a movie about people freaking out on drugs, because we've seen *Trainspotting* and *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, to name just two recent drug films, and many others in the past. If anything, Aronofsky's doomy, freaky, humorless style defeats his own purpose: It re-animates the dark romance of dissolution — it makes addiction *look cool*.

Ellen Burstyn almost rescues the movie; she earns the Oscar buzz you might be hearing. Sara, trying to lose weight in time to appear on her beloved TV show, gets hooked on uppers and downers prescribed by a rather inattentive doctor; she loses pounds, all right, and also her mind. Her story arc is tragic and moving, a sharply painful odyssey whose artistry and compassion mostly earn the pain it causes us (I could've done without her drug trip involving a killer fridge, though). Burstyn keeps us completely with her all the way through Sara's bottoming-out; it's a ferocious and courageous performance from an actress who's never much cared about glamour (*she* doesn't make addiction look cool).

By contrast, the other three actors are glamourous — and hollow. Marlon Wayans keeps his energy level up as Tyrone, but he's bouncing off the blank wall known as Jared Leto, the most inexpressive pretty boy to slouch through movies since Christopher Lambert. Leto is pretty much a dud, and since the film centers on his character, it suffers badly as a result. And the male critics waiting for Jennifer Connelly to wake up and give the performance that will justify their laughable drooling over her (she *is* easy on the eyes, but so is a screensaver) will have to keep waiting, probably forever; Connelly is a dud, too. *Requiem for a Dream* is worth seeing for Ellen Burstyn and her unflinching descent into hell, but try not to think about how much better she is than the rest of the cast — or the movie she's in.

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Best In Show (PG-13) – 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:20

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The Emperor's New Groove (G) – *Sneak Preview Sat. (12/9) only at 7:15!*
102 Dalmatians (G) – 12:25, 2:25, 4:25, 7:15, 9:25
Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) – *Sat. only at 12:00 midnight with live cast!*
Unbreakable (PG-13) – 1:25, 4:00, 7:05, 9:45
Rugrats in Paris (G) – 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:50, 8:40
The Grinch (PG) – 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 7:25, 9:45
Charlie's Angels (PG-13) – 12:05, 2:00, 4:10, 7:10, 9:15
Billy Elliot (R) – 1:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Men of Honor (R) – 1:05, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35
Meet the Parents (PG-13) – 12:00, 2:35, 4:50, 7:30, 9:40
Bounce (PG-13) – 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30
The Sixth Day (PG-13) – 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:25

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Friday (Dec. 8) - Thursday (Dec. 14)
Little Nicky (PG-13) – 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:20
How the Grinch Stole Christmas (PG-13) – 1:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Unbreakable (PG-13) – 12:50, 3:40, 6:40, 9:10
Proof of Life (R) – 12:50, 3:30, 6:20, 9:00
Rugrats in Paris (G) – 1:00, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:00
Charlie's Angels (PG-13) – 1:20, 3:50, 6:40, 8:50
The Sixth Day (PG) – 3:50, 9:00
102 Dalmatians (G) – 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Vertical Limit (PG-13) – 1:00, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
Bounce (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:10
Meet the Parents (PG-13) – 1:10, 3:40, 6:30, 8:50
Dungeons and Dragons (PG-13) – 1:10, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
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Friends of Mattapoisett Library

The Mattapoisett Library is now a *Yankee* Magazine Community Partner — a fund-raising program for New England non-profit organizations. With *Yankee* Magazine's *New Voices Competition,* which seeks to discover new writers, the Mattapoisett Library will again benefit financially while promoting the written word.

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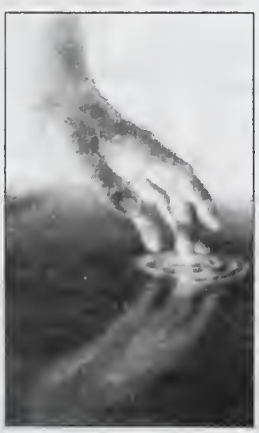

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Regional Lunch Menus

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Monday, December 11 – Hamburger on a bun, turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, peas, fresh fruit, milk.
Tuesday, December 12 – Spaghetti and meatballs, bologna sandwich, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday, December 13 – Chicken nuggets, ham sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.
Thursday, December 14 – Hot dog on a roll, turkey sandwich, potato puffs, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.
Friday, December 15 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, salad dressing, fresh fruit, milk.

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, December 11 – Corn chowder, seafood salad, three-bean salad, pita bread, fresh fruit.
Tuesday, December 12 – Chicken a-la King, fluffy white rice, peas, whole wheat bread, fruit in light syrup.
Wednesday, December 13 – Beef stew with vegetables, boiled potatoes, dark rye roll, tapioca pudding, fresh fruit.
Thursday, December 14 – HOLIDAY MEAL: Roast turkey, cranberry sauce, whipped potato, winter squash, snowflake roll, chocolate eclair, graham wafer.
Friday, December 15 – American chop suey, waxed beans, light rye bread, fruit in light syrup.

CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 11 – Toasted cheese sandwich, rib-a-que, oven fries, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.
Tuesday, December 12 – Beef taco with lettuce, tomato, cheese, turkey sub, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.
Wednesday, December 13 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, chicken patty on a roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.
Thursday, December 14 – Hot dog on a roll, tuna roll, oven fries, pickle, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.
Friday, December 15 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, seafood salad roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Monday, December 11 – Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, chicken salad roll, shoestring fries, baked beans, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.
Tuesday, December 12 – Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot pastrami grinder, whipped potatoes, carrots, cranberry sauce, applesauce, strawberry jello with topping.
Wednesday, December 13 – Italian spice pizza, cheese pizza, scrambled eggs, cinnamon bun, bologna and lettuce sub, Ore Ida Smiles potatoes, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.
Thursday, December 14 – Chicken breast patty club, Steak'Um and cheese sub, mac rib sub, hot ham and cheese, bag of Lay's Potato Chips, carrot sticks, fresh apple, chocolate chip cookie.
Friday, December 15 – American chop suey, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese sandwich, shaved turkey club, potato puffs, corn niblets, chilled pears, chocolate cake with frosting.

FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 11 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, ham salad pocket, chicken chow mein, crispy noodles, seasoned rice, Oriental vegetables, chilled pineapple, watermelon jello with topping.
Tuesday, December 12 – Stuffed shells with sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, double grilled cheese, grilled chicken club, mac rib, tossed salad, green beans, chilled applesauce, strawberries with topping.
Wednesday, December 13 – American chop suey, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, shaved turkey club, vegetable wrap, grated mozzarella, oven potatoes, carrots, chilled apricots, almond sugar cookie.
Thursday, December 14 – Meatball grinder, grated mozzarella, hot pastrami grinder, chicken salad pocket, shoestring fries, baked beans, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.
Friday, December 15 – EARLY RELEASE (gazebo open).

HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL - FAIRHAVEN

Monday, December 11 – Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, chicken salad roll, shoestring fries, baked beans, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.
Tuesday, December 12 – Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, hot pastrami grinder, whipped potatoes, carrots, cranberry sauce, applesauce, strawberry jello with topping.
Wednesday, December 13 – Italian spice pizza, cheese pizza, scrambled eggs, cinnamon bun, hot ham and cheese sub, oven potatoes, chilled apricots, apple pie.
Thursday, December 14 – Shepherd's pie, grilled chicken club, "hero" grinder, vegetable pasta salad, green beans, chilled peaches, chocolate chip cookie.
Friday, December 15 – American chop suey, grated mozzarella, grilled cheese sandwich, shaved turkey club, potato puffs, corn niblets, chilled pears, chocolate cake with frosting.

MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, December 11 – Toasted cheese sandwich, rib-a-que, oven fries, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.
Tuesday, December 12 – Beef taco with lettuce, tomato, cheese, turkey sub, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.
Wednesday, December 13 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, chicken patty on a roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.
Thursday, December 14 – Hot dog on a roll, tuna roll, oven fries, pickle, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.
Friday, December 15 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, seafood salad roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, December 11 – Orange juice, Steak'Um and cheese, French fries, corn, fruit, assorted pudding.
Tuesday, December 12 – Italian sub, lettuce, tomatoes, hash brown patty, broccoli, frosted cake.
Wednesday, December 13 – Baked ham, mashed potatoes, carrots, applesauce, roll, fruit crisp.
Thursday, December 14 – Chicken parmesan sandwich, pasta, green beans, jello.
Friday, December 15 – Fishwich, tuna roll, hash brown patty, cole slaw, assorted dessert.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL - MATTAPOISETT

Monday, December 11 – Toasted cheese sandwich, rib-a-que, oven fries, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.
Tuesday, December 12 – Beef taco with lettuce, tomato, cheese, turkey sub, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.
Wednesday, December 13 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, chicken patty on a roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.
Thursday, December 14 – Hot dog on a roll, tuna roll, oven fries, pickle, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.
Friday, December 15 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, seafood salad roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, December 11 – Soup, chicken tenders, mashed potato, pepperoni calzone, bacon cheeseburger, carrots, roll, applesauce, dessert, juice or milk.
Tuesday, December 12 – Soup, Sloppy Joe, potato puffs, chicken fillet, chicken wings of fire, salad, dessert, juice or milk.
Wednesday, December 13 – Soup, meat lasagna, chicken salad, chicken patty, salad, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.
Thursday, December 14 – Soup, chicken nuggets, potato wedge, hot dog, ham and cheese croissant, pickle, celery stick, fruit, juice or milk.
Friday, December 15 – Soup, chicken taco roll-up, fish sandwich, BBQ ribs, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, fruit, juice or milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, December 11 – Toasted cheese sandwich, rib-a-que, oven fries, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.
Tuesday, December 12 – Beef taco with lettuce, tomato, cheese, turkey sub, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.
Wednesday, December 13 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, chicken patty on a roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.
Thursday, December 14 – Hot dog on a roll, tuna roll, oven fries, pickle, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.
Friday, December 15 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, seafood salad roll, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

of 800 to 2,500 words from new writers who have fresh ideas, a sense of style, and an interest in conveying something true about New England. Two $1,000 prizes will be awarded: for the best fiction and non-fiction, and honorable mentions will go to the best of the rest. *Yankee* reserves the right to pay for their publication. The competition is open to any writer who has not yet been published. Half of each $10 entry fee will be given to libraries to participate in *Yankee* Magazine's Community Partner Program.

Send submissions to: New Voices, *Yankee* Magazine, P.O. Box 520, Dublin, NH 03444. A $10 entry fee must accompany the submission. Make checks payable to "Yankee Publishing, Inc." The deadline for entries is January 1, 2001. Manuscripts will be acknowledged but will not be returned without SASE.

Any non-profit group raising money for a project or program in New England is eligible to participate in *Yankee* Magazine's Community Partners. Groups raise funds and awareness through *Yankee* subscription sales. For each $20 subscription sold, the partner group receives a $10 donation toward its program goals.

Marion Natural History Museum

Holiday Open House

• Friday, December 15 - The Holiday Open House: Kids and their parents are invited to a costumed holiday story-telling. They'll be working on projects and

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Holiday Roast

BY KENNETH J. SOUZA
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Is there a specific Christmas carol clanging around inside your head right now that you'd like to forget? Have you been caught up in the contagious drone of holiday cheer put to music? Admittedly, I'm no big fan of "traditional" Christmas tunes. There are a couple of good, solemn hymns — and the key there is *hymns,* which in my book should limit their public performance to within the confines of a church — that I actually appreciate and enjoy, mostly because they don't get stripped down and homogenized into that mind-numbing Musak pumped into every store between Thanksgiving and New Years.

For the most part, however, Christmas music is just way-too-serious for a season that is supposed to be filled with "joy" and "cheer." That's why I owe a serious debt of gratitude to a comedy group which began livening up my holiday seasons way back in 1987 with the release of their first collection of satirical holiday music. For the uninitiated, I'm referring to the Bob Rivers Comedy Troupe originally hailing from Massachusetts and now based in Seattle, Washington, which has, to date, released four collections of some of the most irreverent, clever, and downright *funny* Christmas music ever recorded. By December 1 each year, I'm itching to start playing these CDs ... and, thankfully, the fourth in the series was released just in time for Christmas 2000.

It all began with **Twisted Christmas**, the first infamous collection boasting such irresistible gems as "The Twelve Pains of Christmas," "We Wish You Weren't Living With Us" (to the tune of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"), and "The Restroom Door Said, 'Gentlemen,'" (a/k/a "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"). I actually stumbled onto this first collection while shopping in a local record store and was instantly hooked.

Like all future sessions, the CD mainly offers a mix of three types of tracks: simple word-play satires on traditional carols; contemporary rock and pop songs with newly-penned holiday-themed lyrics; or short performance pieces or "skits." In the latter category, this first disc offers a hilarious "Visit from St. Nicholson" with a dead-on Jack Nicholson impersonator playing a perturbed Santa. There's also "A Message from The King" in which a Santa-sized Elvis Presley indulges in plenty of holiday treats.

In 1993 Bob Rivers and his newly-dubbed "Twisted Radio" ensemble released **I Am Santa Claus**, a more satirical collection with the stellar title track sung to the tune of Black Sabbath's "Iron Man." Other rock-oriented numbers included "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (to the tune of "House of the Rising Sun") and "Jingle Hells Bells" (an AC/DC homage). But the real standouts here, again, are the full choral works done in a deadpan style that make them all the more amusing. My faves here are "Walkin' 'Round in Women's Underwear" (a-la "Winter Wonderland"), "Teddy the Red-Nosed Senator" (about our own local legend), and "The 'What's It To Ya' Chorus" (craftily cribbing Handel's *Messiah).*

It was four years until **More Twisted Christmas** arrived in 1997 ... but it was well-worth the wait! This time out, Rivers' troupe leaned heavily on contemporary rock and pop tunes as their jumping-off point — but the session boasts instant classics like "Toy Sack" (a-la The B-52's "Love Shack"); "Holidaze (S'cuze Me, I've Got Gifts to Buy)" (masterfully cribbing Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze"); and "Sled Zeppelin," which borrows the melody from Zep's "D'yer Maker," replacing the chorus with "Ho, Ho, Ho, Ho, Ho ... Dashing Through the Snow." But the best number here is the group's take on Jose Feliciano's "Feliz Navidad," redone as "Police Stop My Car" ... the lyrics alone are worth the price of this disc.

This year brings us **Chipmunks Roasting On An Open Fire**, probably Rivers' most un-PC collection which begins with the one-two punch of "The Twisted Chipmunk Song" (I think you can guess how that one goes) and a Nat King Cole wannabe crooning the title track in the vein of the classic "Christmas Song." Even odd choices like The Beach Boys ("Good Vibrations" is warped into "Decorations") and Creedence Clearwater Revival ("Up Around the Bend" becomes "Goin' Up to Bethlehem") are represented on this newest session, which has a few more dead spots than Rivers' previous efforts. But even those are short and sweet (none of these discs exceed the 40-minute mark), so it's still worth seeking out for the stellar tracks.

For those who are tired of somber duds like "Blue Christmas" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," you owe it to yourself to grab all four titles in the Bob Rivers Christmas Canon and play them incessantly until midnight on December 25. After that, you have my permission to put them away until *next* Christmas.

For more information or to purchase any of these titles online, be sure to visit www.twistedchristmas.com.

snacking on refreshments during the annual holiday event. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at the museum. This is a FREE program, so please join them!

For more information about any programs at the Marion Natural History Museum, please call (508) 748-2098.

Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club will hold its annual Christmas Party on December 16 in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The evening will begin with punch and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner catered by Riccardi's at 7:00 pm. Price is $10 for dinner. Entertainment will be "Music for the Ages" performed by a local folk singer, Art Tebbets. All are you welcome — you need not be a member of the Maconchu Club to attend. Those who are interested in coming, please contact Peg Olney at 758-3069 or Lois Murray at 758-4949. Deadline is December 11.

Fin, Fur and Feather Club

Trap Shooting for the Fin, Fur and Feather Club, 35 Crystal Spring Road in Mattapoisett, will take place on Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 pm and Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon (weather-permitting). Price is $2.50 per round.

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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 26 through December 2, 2000:

• Front Street – larceny/past
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Barros Drive – parking violation
• Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Mill Street – animal complaint
• Front Street – officer wanted
• South Street – parking violation
• Spring Street – fraud
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle complaint
• Island Wharf Road – escort requested
• Point Road – officer wanted
• Spring Street – parking violation
• Front Street – parking violation
• Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Route 105 – vehicle fire
• Rocky Knook Lane – breaking and entering/past
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Mill Street – officer wanted
• Wareham Road – arcing wires
• Cottage Street – suspicious person
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle complaint
• Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Wareham Road – disturbance
• Point Road – vandalism/past
• Mill Street – death reported
• Wareham Road – animal complaint
• Mill Street – officer wanted
• Point Road – adult arrest (disorderly conduct, failure to stop for police, speeding)
• Island Wharf Road – gathering.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 26 through December 2, 2000:

• Holly Woods Road – vandalism to mailbox
• Deer Run Street – found dogs
• Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
• Shaw Street – simple assault
• County Road – detail officer requested
• County Road – returned property
• North Street – fire alarm
• North Street – nursing home reports fire drill
• Fairhaven Road – ambulance request
• North Street – officer requested
• Brandt Island Road – party hit deer
• County Road – harassing phone calls
• North Street – motor vehicle struck deer
• Highland View Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
• Beechwood Drive – dead animal
• Knollwood Drive – problem with wood stove
• North Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Crystal Spring Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle; possible operating under the influence
• Gosnold Street – adult arrest (unlicensed operation of motor vehicle)
• County Road – returned property
• Oliver Street – suspicious activity
• Reservation Road – illegal trash dumping
• County Road – past threats to kill
• Melissa Anne Lane – missing four-year-old reported
• Crooked Bow Path – gunshots reported
• Tallman Street – hit and run/past
• Deep Woods Drive – adult arrest (warrant)
• Knollwood Drive – loose dog in yard
• Third Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Acushnet Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• Aucoot Road – car hit deer
• Angelica Avenue – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – protective custody
• Shore View Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
• Acushnet Road – adult arrest (trespassing after notice).

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 28 through December 4, 2000:

• Bowen's Lane – disabled motor vehicle
• New Bedford Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Old Colony Regional Voke – motor vehicle accident
• Allen Road – noise complaint
• Cushman Road – minor motor vehicle accident
• High Street – car hit deer
• Allen Road – noise complaint
• High Street – officer wanted
• North Avenue – suspicious motor vehicle
• Walnut Plain Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Snipatuit Road – escaped beagle
• Rounseville Road – suspicious person
• Bennett Road – suspicious activity
• Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Hiller Road – vandalism
• Tilson Road – civil complaint
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expectations, and traditions are difficult times to negotiate for the bereaved. A special program titled "Coping with the Holiday Season" will be sponsored by the Hospice of Community Nurse Association of Fairhaven on Wednesdays through January 3 (no meeting on December 27) from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at their office located at 62 Center Street in Fairhaven. Through education, discussion and support, the group will help to get through this stressful time of year. For further information and to register, please contact Sue Vincent, LICSW, Bereavement Coordinator, at (508) 999-3400. Groups are open to the public and are free-of-charge (donations are accepted).

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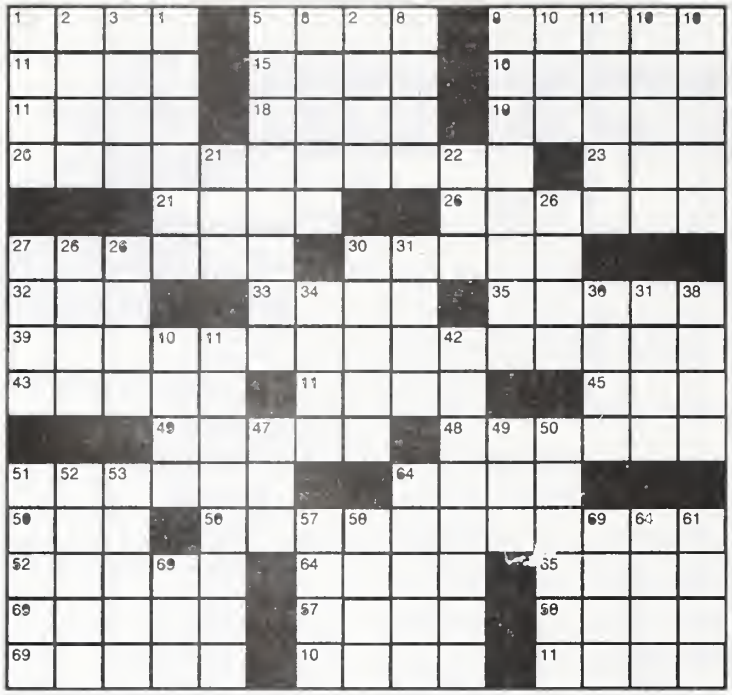

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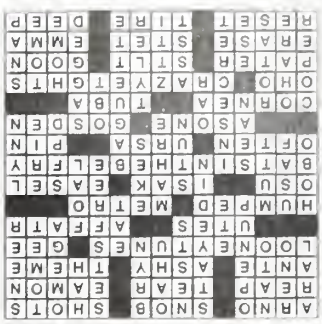

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). Take care of old business, so you can launch a new project. Don't make promises to meet your sweetheart.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You're trying to balance the budget, but friends want to lure you out to play. If you get an early start on the work, there'll be time for both.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Just do whatever your partner suggests. You'll save yourself a lot of trouble. If you don't have a partner or mate, you're apt to find at least one likely prospect.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You're swamped with work, but make time for romance, too. Ask a good friend to help with some of your chores. The boss is watching.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You're in the mood for love, but the timing's not quite right. You don't quite have all the money you'd like to have, either. So stick to your work instead, and pretend you enjoy it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Discuss your living arrangements with your roommate. There are changes to be made, and they'll be much easier once you agree on what they are.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Creative work could keep you busy. If you can arrange your own schedule, set it up that way.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Something you have is worth more or less than you thought. Better stop by the appraiser's. The value of your holdings is increasing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're dragging an anchor. You'll get more accomplished, but don't fret. Even if you're feeling better, you should still watch where you're going.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love and learning are linked for you. Plan each change you'll make carefully, before ripping the house apart.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Somebody's apt to be looking over your shoulder, but don't fret. This could be an admirer, and the result could be an increase in your pay.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). A confrontation with an older person is past, and you should be feeling pretty good. You passed the test, or at least survived.

Mattapoisett Lions Club

Following is a schedule of upcoming events sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club:

- December 9 - Children's Candy Cane Fair at St. Anthony's Church, 1:00 to 3:00 pm;
- January 20 - Meat Pie Supper at the Congregational Church Hall, 5:00 to 7:30 pm;
- March 3 - Variety Show at ORR High School, 7:15 to 9:30 pm;
- April 29 - Pancake Breakfast at the American Legion Hall, 8:00 to 11:00 am;
- May 19 - Swing Dance with 18-Piece Band at the Knights of Columbus, 7:00 to 11:00 pm;
- July 8 - Triathalon, 8:00 to 9:30 pm;
- July 11 - Band Concert/Strawberry Fest, 7:30 to 9:00 pm;
- July 13, 14 and 15 - Harbor Days 2001.

Tickets for most events are available at Don's Tire and Auto and G.H. Dunn Insurance Agency.

Tri-County Concerts

The next concert in the series, the Holiday Concert, will take place in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth on Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 pm and the final concert will be a "Welcome to Spring" performance also in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth on Sunday, March 18, 2001. The annual Free Children's Concert will be given on Super Bowl Sunday at 3:00 pm, also at UMass Dartmouth. Mark your calendars now! You won't want to miss these events. For more information, please call Dr. Manuel C. Rosenfield at 758-4457 or Robert Coquillette at 758-4972.

Marion Council on Aging

Holiday Party

The COA has FREE tickets to the UMass Dartmouth Student Senate Holiday Party, to be held on Saturday, December 9 from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Tri-County Music

The Marion Council on Aging has free tickets to the Tri-County Music Association's concert series. Tickets are available to "A Holiday Concert" on December 17 at the UMass Dartmouth Auditorium and "Welcome to the Spring" on March 18 at the UMass Dartmouth Auditorium. All concerts are on Sunday afternoon beginning at 3:00 pm.

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold Public Hearings on Monday, December 18, 2000 at 7:45 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. in the Selectmen's Office of the Town Hall on Proposed Zoning By-Laws as follows:

A. To see if the Town will vote to amend by striking the entire text of Article 10 "Telecommunications Facility Overlay District" and replacing it with the following:
10.1 Authorization
10.2 Limitation
10.3 Special Permit for Telecommunications Towers
10.3.2 Submittal Requirements
10.3.3 Siting and Construction Standards
10.3.4 Special Permit Findings
10.3.5 Conditions
10.3.6 Abandonment or Discontinuation of Use

Further, that Article 4.1 of the Zoning By-Law be amended by striking the words "three (3) overlay districts" and substituting therefore the words, "two (2) overlay districts" and removing the reference to "Telecommunications Facilities Overlay District TFO," and,

B. Article: Bed and Breakfast Regulations: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendment to the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Mattapoisett by adding the following:
3.10 BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS
3.10.1 Purpose
3.10.2 Definition
3.10.3 Submittal and Review Requirements
or take any other action thereto.

Complete text and copies of the proposed Zoning By-Laws are available in the Town Clerk's office during normal office hours.

Barry Perkins, Clerk
Mattapoisett Planning Board 11/30, 12/07

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

#764 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Stuart Tallman for th Rochester Golf Club, Humphery Tallman owner. Petitioner is seeking a special permit under section VIII.D.8. to allow a commercial building in the agricultural/residential district closer to the lot line than the allowed 80 feet. Property is located at 355 Rounseville Road, Assessors plan 34 lot 6A. Public hearing will be conducted on December 14, 2000, 7:30pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 11/30, 12/7

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

#766 Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Shawn M. and Danielle M. Perry, who are seeking a variance from frontage requirements under section VIII.B. of Rochester Protective by-laws to allow construction of a single famil dwelling on an unapproved road. Property is identified as being off of a portion of Snow's Pond Road, Assessors plan 38 lot 41, containing 14.72 acres. Public hearing will be conducted on December 14, 2000, 7:45pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 11/30, 12/7

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Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 11/30, 12/7

CARVER/MARION/WAREHAM
REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Carver/Marion/Wareham Regional Refuse District Commissioners seek proposals for the purchase of a used diesel-powered Reed Screenall, model 90. The District will accept proposals until noon, December 20, 2000 at the District's office, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738. Proposals should include price, condition and location where Screenall may be inspected.

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Shopping

The Senior Van travels to the IGA in Wareham on Tuesday and to Shaw's on Friday.

Town Nurse

Town Nurse Martha Griffiths, RN, BSN, is available on Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the Town Hall for Blood Pressure Screening and Health Counseling on a walk-in basis.

Walking Club

The Walking Club has now expanded into two groups. The Brisk Walkers who will meet at the corner of Spring and Cottage Streets on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 11:00 am and the Casual Walkers who will meet at Island Wharf on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2:45 pm. Both groups will walk for one hour. This is open to anyone.

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Cancellations.com and the Acushnet Public Schools are keeping parents and students in the area "in the know." Cancellations.com is a FREE Internet website powered by AccuWeather.com, that posts school closings, delays and announcements. With Cancellations.com, the community will now have immediate access to all kinds of emergency school information.

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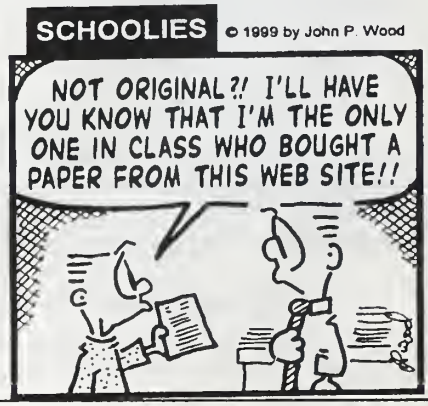

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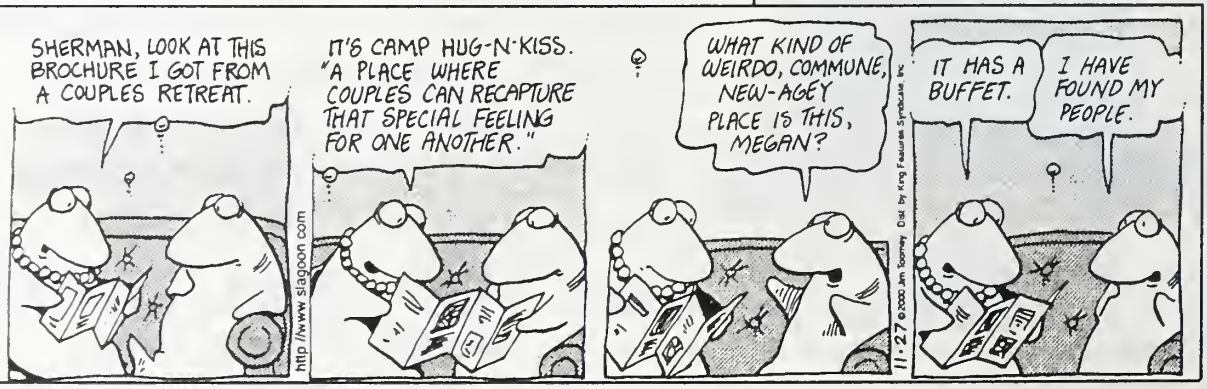

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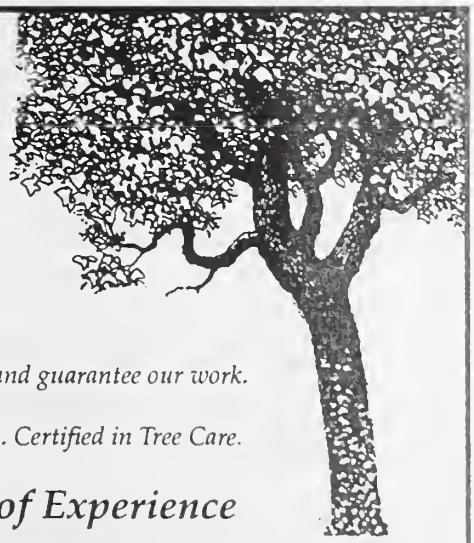

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Dec. 8:	Fri.	5:06	5:27	10:51	10:55
Dec. 9:	Sat.	5:53	6:15	11:43	11:45
Dec. 10:	Sun.	6:41	7:04	. . .	12:34
Dec. 11:	Mon.	7:27	7:52	12:34	1:22
Dec. 12:	Tues.	8:16	8:42	1:23	2:12
Dec. 13:	Wed.	9:07	9:34	2:13	3:02
Dec. 14:	Thurs.	10:00	10:29	3:06	3:54
Dec. 15:	Fri.	10:55	11:27	4:01	4:49
Dec. 16:	Sat.	11:53	. . .	5:01	5:47
Dec. 17:	Sun.	12:27	12:54	6:09	6:51
Dec. 18:	Mon.	1:29	1:55	7:27	8:00
Dec. 19:	Tues.	2:30	2:55	8:52	9:07
Dec. 20:	Wed.	3:28	3:52	10:06	10:05
Dec. 21:	Thurs.	4:22	4:44	11:05	10:53
Dec. 22:	Fri.	5:11	5:33	11:53	11:34
Dec. 23:	Sat.	5:58	6:18	. . .	12:32
Dec. 24:	Sun.	6:41	7:01	12:11	1:06

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